

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Petition for Waiver of	)	
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline	)	
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City of Santa Maria Public Library	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
(Santa Maria Public Library, BEN 143974)	)	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service	)	
Support Mechanism	)	

**Petition for Waiver of  
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2017  
RE: FCC Form 471 BEN 143974**

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**I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

The City of Santa Maria, Public Library System serves a 1,260 square mile area in Northern Santa Barbara County including three census designated rural places. Santa Barbara County has a high number of families living in poverty. The largest occupation is farmworkers & crop, nursery, and greenhouse laborers which is also the lowest paying of the top ten largest occupations in the county. The mean annual wage is just over \$22,000 in this occupation group. Most jobs in the County only require high school or less with minimal training. Since before 2003, the Santa Maria Public Library System has been a successful participant of the E-Rate program.

The Santa Maria Public Library System submitted and certified their Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471, #171048991, in the "Apply Online" portal of the Schools and Libraries Division

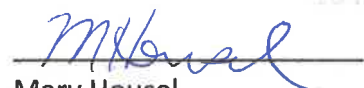
("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") website, on May 22, 2017, just 7 business days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of May 11, 2017.

A staff member of the Santa Maria Public Library System recently took on E-Rate into her already busy work schedule, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties. Form 471 was filed late due to her late filing of Form 470. She was unaware of the 28 day waiting period after the 470 is posted before Form 471 can be completed.

## **II. Request**

The Santa Maria Public Library respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the Santa Maria Public Library to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 #171048991, due to late submission of Form 470.

Respectfully submitted,



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